

I believe that the Morse code requirement for license upgrade to General (HF priveleges) should be abandoned in the interest of expanding the dwindling number of people entering into our hobby. I see no reason that the code could not be a pre-requisite of the Extra class license, but not act act as a hinderence to those trying to obtain a General ticket. I teach Amateur Radio courses throughout the year and find that the hobby could attract thousands of mariners and RVers if the code were dropped. I would instead place more emphasis on "on the air" procedure and courtesy; something I see lacking in many "old school" General class hams.